

Cornelius Horrell

(c1831-c1879)

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Cornelius Horrell was born c1831 Randolph County, IL and died circa 1879 Daviess County, KY. He was the son of Thomas Horrell & Mary Ann Gough. He married 1st Mary E. Tanner, 22 February 1852 and 2nd Mary Jane Gough, 28 May 1861 Daviess County, KY. The latter was the daughter of William Thomas Gough & Mildred A. Thompson; she was born December 1844 Daviess County, KY, died 4 May 1910 Daviess County, KY; she was buried the Gough Family Cemetery, off of the Hayden Road Daviess County, KY; her grave is unmarked.

Cornelius Horrell and his first wife had a son, John Albert Horrell, born 8 February 1860 Randolph County, IL and died 1 August 1932 Habit, Daviess County, KY, buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, KY, married Birdie Ware (24 Feb 1874-6 Jun 1954), 12 January 1892 Daviess County, KY. They had two children – Wilber D. Horrell (1 Nov 1892-19 May 1932) and Mabel H. Horrell Hunt (18 Jul 1895-7 Dec 1988).

Cornelius Horrell and Mary Jane Gough were the parents of – William Thomas Horrell, born 11 January 1862 Randolph County, IL and died 20 May 1929 Daviess County, KY, buried Thruston Cemetery, Daviess County, KY; married Peggy Stone Hazelwood, 2 February 1886 Henderson County, KY, the daughter of Edward Thomas Hazelwood & Elizabeth McDonald, she was born 23 April 1864 Henderson County, KY, died 8 June 1933 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, buried Thruston Cemetery, Daviess County, KY; their children were – Mary Letcher Horrell Clark (2 Nov 1886-25 Jan 1961); Edna Lee Horrell Schenk (25 Dec 1889-17 Jan 1978); Thurman Horrell (c1890-c1892); Georgia Horrell Bauman (22 Oct 1891-11 Nov 1979); Elizabeth Ogden Horrell Thichenor (8 Jun 1893-23 May 1967); Tellis Horrell (22 Aug 1894-20 Aug 1918); William Thomas orrell, Jr. (19 Sep 1899-27 Dec 1961); Rollie Horrell (19 Sep 1899-10 Nov 1943); Albert Edward Horrell (28 Dec 1901-31 Jul 1957); Victor Chamberlain Horrell (10 Apr 1904-3 Jul 1972); Ella B. Horrell Marksberry (10 Apr 1904-20 Nov 1992) and Mayme Evangeline Horrell Cook (7 Nov 1906-29 Apr 1967). Cornelius & Mary Jane Horrell had a daughter, Mildred A. Horrell, who was born c1865 and died at age 16 (1875-1880), she was blind from birth.

Mary Jane Gough Horrell married 2nd a Oscar Lehman, 17 August 1880 Birk City, Daviess County, KY, and 3rd Benjamin Allen Asher, 3 May 1883 Daviess County, KY. The 1900 census reported she was the mother of three children, two of whom were then deceased.

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1 July 1995

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Dear Mr. Bauman:

I have spent a couple hours researching Mary Jane (Gough) Horrell Asher like I had promised on your recent visit. I believe I have made some very good discoveries, much more than I had anticipated. It appears that she married three times, she married second a Lehmann/Leahman, probably Oscar 1880-1883. In Daviess County, KY Marriage Book R2-p413 it is recorded that Mrs. Mary J. Lehmann married Benjamin A. Asher on 3 May 1883. Witnesses on the marriage included Misses Ella & Ida Goff. In the 1880 Daviess County, KY census an Oscar Leahman was boarding at the home of Mary J. Horrell. The census listing appears as follows:

1880 Daviess County, KY census, Oakford Precinct, p.472, household #72-72:

Horrell, Mary J.	31	widowed	KY - KY - KY
William T.	16	son	KY - IND - KY
Leahman, Oscar	28	boarder-single-farmer	Germ.-Germ.-Germ.
on the same page, household #76-76			
Hawes, Edward	29	farmer	KY - VA - KY
Eloise	29	wife	KY - KY - KY
Horrell, Albert	19	boarder-single	KY - KY - KY

Copies of Mary Jane Gough's third marriage and 1880 Daviess census listing (both from published book & from original) are enclosed. Since I found Mary J. Horrell as a widow in the 1880 Daviess County census I decided to look at the 1870 census of Daviess. I found the following (copies from published book & original are enclosed):

1870 Daviess County, KY census, Oakford Precinct, p.244, household #8-8:

Horrel, Cornelius	29	common labor	KY
Mary J.	26	f	KY
William T.	7	m	KY
Mildred A.	5	f	KY

From the 1870 and 1880 census listings it appears that both Cornelius and Mildred A. died during that decade. In Daviess County, KY Administrator Bond Book 7-p181 it is recorded that Mary J. Harrell was appointed administratrix of the estate of Cornelius Harrell, deceased, on 20 Feb 1879, surety on the bond was by William Goff. Generally an administrator was appointed within the period of 2 to 6 weeks after a death. I checked the issues of the Owensboro Messenger newspapers for two months prior to this date but found no reference to the death of Cornelius Horrell. It looks like Cornelius Horrell was a resident of Daviess County, KY when he died (ca 1879).

There are several other record sources here that could be checked for further data. For example the 1861-1876 Daviess County tax lists would indicate just what years of this period they were living here, the deaths of Oscar Lehmann and Benjamin A. Asher could be searched for, also there are a few Daviess County death records for 1874-1876 and the second half of 1879 that could be checked for the death of Mildred A. Horrell. I checked the Daviess County Will records and there was not one filed for Cornelius Horrell.

For the two hours of research please remit \$11.00 (\$5.50/hr.) and \$2.00 for the copies and postage. I hope you find this reasonable.

Bye for now and good luck in your research.

Yours truly,
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P.S. Mary J. (Cough) Horrell married Oscar Lehman 17 August 1880 at Birk City. Marriage license is recorded Daviess County, KY Marriage Bond Book Q, page 206, listed as Oscar Leaman to Mrs. Mary J. Harl

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18 July 1995

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Dear Mr. Bauman:

I have checked several other sources and found a few more missing pieces of the puzzle. I went through the yearly tax lists for Daviess County, KY for 1861-1875 (as far as we have). See enclosed listings found for Cornelius Horrell. He first appeared in 1864 and is listed thru 1875.

No doubt he continued to live here up until his death in 1879. The 1864-1867 lists show him in the eastern half of the county (possibly near the Goughs) and the 1868-1875 lists show him as being in the western part of the county. In 1868-1871 he was taxed on 50 acres on Green River and in 1871-1875 on one town lot in Birk City. I checked the land deed records for Daviess County and did not find Cornelius as ever buying or selling any land.

The 1875 Daviess County tax list shows Cornelius Horrell as having three children, aged 6-20, in his household. I believe these are: Albert (ca age 20), William Thomas (ca 13) &

Mildred A. Horrell (ca 10). Mildred A. may have died between 1875-1880 since she was not listed as living with her mother in the 1880 Daviess County, KY census. There are a few death records recorded in Daviess County for 1874-1876 & 1879. I checked these and found no Horrells listed. I also could not find either Cornelius or Mildred Horrell in our Owensboro, Daviess County obituary or cemetery listings.

I found proof that Mary Jane (Gough) Horrell was married (second) to Oscar Lehmann. On 12 August 1881 Mary J. Lehmann was appointed the administratrix of the estate of Oscar Lehmann, deceased (Daviess County, KY Administrator Bond Book 7-p381). Her surety on the bond was by Frank Gough. I could not find Oscar Lehmann in our Owensboro, Daviess County obituary or cemetery listings.

Mary Jane Cough's third husband, Benjamin Allen Asher, was born in 1815-1816 in Kentucky. He appears in the 1850 census of Oldham County, KY and in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 Daviess County, KY censuses, In all four censuses he was listed as being a blacksmith. He appears to have been married three times. He married Nancy, circa 1839 and Louisa C. -, in the 1850's. His wife, Louisa C. Asher, died in Daviess County, KY, at Masonville, on 27 May 1880. The 1880 census lists him as being a widower. In 1883 he married Mrs. Mary J. Lehmann. Benjamin A. Asher appears to have died between 1883-1900. I did not find him listed in any of the following: Owensboro, Daviess County obituary or cemetery listings, Daviess County Wills, Administrator Bonds, or 1900 Census. In the latter two his sons, Abraham & Thomas C. Asher, were listed and the last named was buried at the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Daviess County.

In all I spent 2 hours of research time. Bye for now.

Yours truly,
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Dear Jerry:

I received your package last Saturday. I apologize for the delay in answering, but we had house guests over the weekend.

I was surprised and very pleased in the amount of information you have turned up on Cornelius Horrell. There have been clues, but I have been unable to confirm them, that he and his family lived in or near to Daviess County in the post 1865 period. Family tradition stated that the daughter, Mildred, was blind and died young, and was buried in the Gough family cemetery. There was no tombstone record for her in the Gough Cemetery listed in KY Cemetery Records,

KY DAR, V I, 1960. And no family bible existed. I have previously checked the 1870 Census Index for KY (AIS) and didn't find him. Also I checked the 1880 Soundex for KY in the KHS, but may have overlooked Mary Jane being listed since he must have died, as you uncovered in 1879.

I have reviewed the deed index for Randolph County, IL, and found that he sold his farm (80 A) in 1865. No other deed listing for him occurs after that date. The Mudd Family of the United States (1223a) states he is said to have gone to Oregon about 1865. I spent many hours pursuing that. His brother, Thomas Leo, apparently did, for I found him and his family listed there in the 1870 Census for Oregon. Family tradition also states that he worked on riverboats. The Birk City location makes that possible, perhaps.

I spent two days in southern Illinois after my visit in Owensboro last month, half a day at the IRAD at Southern Illinois Univ., and a day at Chester, the county seat of Randolph County. There two members of the local genealogical society were very helpful. I was particularly looking for records or clues as to what happened or where Cornelius moved after 1865. I found nothing, but as your research shows he definitely moved away. I did find a couple of bits of information on previous Horrell ancestors. In the Horrell Family Folder at the society's little library did find a reference to the fact that Albert, Cornelius's son by his first wife, later farmed in Daviess County with his father. The dates don't seem quite right, however, with Cornelius' death in 1879. This is just another example that one has to sift through all the clues available, and make a judgement.

Jerry, your research rate is very low. I am enclosing \$27.00 for two hours at \$12.50 per hour (the average for this area) and \$2.00 for the copies and Postage. I hope this is satisfactory. You accomplished much for me and I only wish I could be as efficient.

Please continue the additional searches you suggested in your letter. I expect you to let me know the additional hours you spend so I can pay you for them.

Jerry, I'm enclosing a couple of FGS and my ancestor chart that may help you keep the Horrells separated. There were Horrells settled in the West Louisville section of Daviess County before my family moved into the county. We may be distantly related, but I haven't made the connection.

Thanks ever so much,
Bill Bauman

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9 August 1995

Dear Jerry:

Thanks for your 18 July letter. I have been away for over two weeks, returning 2 August on the heels of Hurricane Erwin, and have had to get my thoughts together before responding. Also, I had quite a bit of debris to clean from my yard (broken branches, leaves, twigs, etc.—no damage to our house or other, though some close neighbors were without electricity for two or more days).

I have previously uncovered B. A. Asher in the 1860 and 1870 Census of Daviess County because he's listed as a black smith, but could not get any further connection. Family tradition stated Mary Jane married a man by the name of Asher who was a blacksmith in Hebbardsville after Cornelius died. My grandfather, William Thomas Horrell, married my grandmother, Peggy Stone Hazelwood, in Henderson County on 2 February 1886. The Hazelwoods were a large extended family in and around Hebbardsville. Until now I had no idea how they met. Now that you have found the Horrells living at Birk City at that time, and these two villages not so far apart, then the possibility of their meeting is more understandable. After their 1886 marriage the next record I have for them is the 1900 Census when they are shown living in the Hebbardsville Precinct (pg 727), with seven children, and Mary Jane Asher is living with them as a widow. Whether she married Asher while living in Daviess or Henderson Counties is unknown; their marriage is not listed in either county. I'm assuming my grandparents began to live in the Hebbardsville area after their marriage. But did Mary Jane move to Hebbardsville with them, and marry Asher there or did she marry him while still living at Birk City and then later move in with her son after Asher died? Why would Asher move from the Masonville area to either Birk City or Hebbardsville? The questions can go on and on.

Jerry, there are a few questions I have that you can look into if you can: Do the deed records or tax rolls for Henderson County show Benjamin A. Asher or William Thomas Horrell in the years 1880-1900? 2 Do the Henderson County wills, administrator bonds, or settlement records show anything for Benjamin A. Asher? Also cemetery records—although I believe I searched these without success in the ODCL on one of my last two visits.

These sources may not be available to you in the ODCL. Please let me know if you have to journey to the Henderson Public Library or Courthouse for this kind of information, and if you want to do so.

There are some other lines of search that I haven't had time to do on my visits to ODCL: Another great-grandfather, Christian Heindrich (Henry) Baumann (AN 8 on my ancestor chart I sent you), apparently died ca. 1862. I have been unable to confirm the date more closely. He is shown in the 1860 Census in Daviess County (pg 959) with his family in Owensboro, a tailor. He is shown on the Daviess County tax rolls for 1859 (pg 3), 1860 (pg 5), and 1861 (No. 1, pg 6). Family tradition states he was buried in the Urban Cemetery (correct name?) located near 5th and Triplett Streets. No record exists that his body was transferred to Elmwood when the Urban Cemetery was moved. He probably did not have a tombstone. My great-grandmother, Mary (Maria) Louisa (Kuhn) Baumann remarried Johann Jacob Muhlhauser, a widower, on 22 February 1864 in Daviess County. The family now anglicizes the name to Melhiser. You might see if there is a will, administrator bond, or settlement for Christian H. Bauman death.

2 During my visit to Owensboro last June I searched in the Courthouse for the settlement for my grandfather, William Thomas Horrell's, estate, but couldn't find it. He died 20 May 1929, intestate. My grandmother, Peggy Stone (Hazelwood) Horrell died 8 June 1933. I copied her will and estate settlement. I assume his estate had to be settled first, but couldn't find it in the index from 1929-1934. You might see if you can find it and get a copy.

3 Can you tell me whether Daviess County had a public school in the Birk City area during the period 1868-1880? I'm trying to establish if my grandfather had the possibility of attending school while his father, Cornelius, and family lived in western Daviess County ca 1868-1875 (or later) when he would have been 6 to 13 years old. Does KR 976.9864 Daviess County Souvenir, 1904, give any information such as this? Also, what would be the nearest Catholic church to Birk City during this period?

Thanks so much for your help,
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